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1. Beginning 9 November 1949, a Soviet Air Army has established bases in the northwestern districts of China. Control towers have been set up at Ningsia (106-19, 38-28), at Hami (93-27, 42-48), and at four other points. The Hami tower appears to be, at least to some extent, under direction from Ningsia. On two known occasions inquiries concerning fuel supply for the planes in the area have been directed to Hami from Ningsia, while orders to make hourly weather reports have issued from Ningsia at least once. Thirty-one weather reports have been received from other unnamed stations.
2. Six Soviet planes were sighted landing on the Hami field at 7 a.m. on 9 November 1949, and at 5 p.m. on the same day ten planes were observed in readiness for a flight to Ningsia.

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